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1. At about 7 p.m. on 21 July 1952, a train consisting of 10 boxcars with personnel left the Weimar railroad station in a westward direction. \* At noon on 26 July, an eastbound train consisting of seven boxcars each occupied by about 40 soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 30 sedans and trucks left the Weimar railroad station.

Another train was assembled in the evening on the same day. Its boxcars carried personnel while its flatcars carried trucks

stated that two more trains would be dispatched on the same day. All these trains were eastbound. on 26 July that the Russians hauled away all the furniture from the district court.\*\*

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2. During the period from 20 to 28 July, the woods in the area of Buergerheide (heath), near Finsterwalde, were heavily occupied. The troops seen there arrived either by rail and were unloaded in Finsterwalde and Dobrilugk, or came by road from the area of Cottbus via Coelnitz, Lieskau, Betten, Finsterwalde and went to the Buergerheide wood camp. Twelve heavy AA guns, 20 light AA guns and an undetermined number of AT guns were seen.

3. During the period from 21 to 29 July, tent camps with trucks and AA guns were seen in the wooded areas of the Buergerheide, 2 km west of Finsterwalde and 6 km south of Finsterwalde near Gruenhaus. The troops arrived either by rail from the direction of Berlin or by road on Highway No 96.

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\* [ ] Comment. New recruits were presumably processed by the Eighth Gds Army and shipped to a subordinate troop unit.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. According to a report [ ] these trains probably carried signal units of the Eighth Gds Army and went to the area of Finsterwalde where a signal command post exercise started in mid-July 1952. [ ]

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\*\*\* [ ] Comment. The present information again confirms the command post exercise in the area of Finsterwalde. The trains

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